

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

TEO BOON CHING,

Defendant.

Protective Order

S1 20 Cr. 181 (PAC)

Upon the application of the United States of America, with the consent of the undersigned counsel, and the defendant having requested discovery under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

1. **Disclosure Material.** The Government will make disclosure to the defendant of documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal cases, all of which will be referred to herein as “disclosure material.” The Government’s disclosure material may include material that (1) affects the privacy and confidentiality of individuals and entities; (2) would impede, if prematurely disclosed, the Government’s ongoing investigation of uncharged individuals; and (3) is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this criminal case.

2. **Sensitive Disclosure Material / Attorney’s Eyes Only (“AEO”) Material .** Certain of the Government’s disclosure material, referred to herein as “Sensitive Disclosure Material,” contains information that identifies, or could lead to the identification of, witnesses who may be subject to intimidation or obstruction, and whose lives, persons, and property, as well as the lives, persons and property of loved ones, will be subject to risk of harm absent the protective

considerations set forth herein. With respect to certain sensitive disclosure material, referred to herein as “Attorney’s Eyes Only” or “AEO Material,” these same concerns are particularly acute. Materials to be produced by the Government and which contain Sensitive Disclosure Material or AEO Material may be designated as “Sensitive Disclosure Material” or “AEO Material” by the Government and conspicuously marked as such, either by marking the materials themselves; the file names of the materials; or the folders containing the materials. The Government’s designation of disclosure material as Sensitive Disclosure Material or Attorney’s Eyes Only material will be controlling absent contrary order of the Court.

3. **Facilitation of Discovery.** The entry of a protective order in this case will permit the Government to produce expeditiously the disclosure material without further litigation or the need for substantial redaction. It will also afford the defense prompt access to those materials, in substantially unredacted form, which will facilitate the preparation of the defense.

4. **Good Cause.** There is good cause for entry of the protective order set forth herein.

Accordingly it is hereby Ordered:

5. Disclosure material shall not be disclosed by the defendant or defense counsel, including any successor counsel (“the defense”) other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by the defense solely for purposes of defending this action. The defense shall not post any disclosure material or Sensitive Disclosure Material on any Internet site or network site¹ to which

¹ This does not prohibit counsel for any defendant from using secure private web services, such as “Dropbox,” to store disclosure material or Sensitive Disclosure Material, provided that the only

persons other than the parties hereto have access, and shall not disclose any disclosure material to the media or any third party except as set forth below.

6. Disclosure material that is not Sensitive Disclosure Material may be disclosed by counsel to: (a) the defendant for purposes of defending this action, (b) personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action; or (c) prospective witnesses for purposes of defending this action.

7. Sensitive Disclosure Material may be disclosed by counsel to defendant and to personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action; however, Sensitive Disclosure Material shall be kept in the sole possession of counsel or personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible; shall not be reviewed or maintained by the defendant outside the presence of counsel or personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible (except when a defendant is reviewing Sensitive Disclosure Material at counsel's office); and shall not be copied or otherwise recorded by the defendant.

8. The restrictions on AEO Material are the same as Sensitive Disclosure Material, except that AEO Material shall not be disclosed to or possessed by the defendant, and may only be disclosed to defense counsel and personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, as needed for purposes of defending this action.

people with access to such services are those authorized herein to receive disclosure material or Sensitive Disclosure Material, or to transfer such material to such authorized recipients.

9. The Government may authorize, in writing, disclosure of disclosure material, Sensitive Disclosure Material, or AEO Material beyond that otherwise permitted by this Order without further Order of this Court.

10. This Order does not prevent the disclosure of any disclosure material in any hearing or trial held in this action, or to any judge or magistrate judge, for purposes of this action. However, Sensitive Disclosure Material or AEO Material pertinent to any motion before the Court should initially be filed under seal, absent consent of the Government or Order of the Court. All filings should comply with the privacy protection provisions of Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1.

Disclosure and Protection of Seized ESI

11. The Government has advised that information that may be subject to disclosure in this case may be contained within ESI that the Government has seized, pursuant to warrants and/or Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty ("MLAT") requests, issued during the course of the investigation, including from various cell phones belonging to, among others, the defendant.

12. This Order places no restriction on the defendant's use or disclosure, or the use or disclosure by that defendant's counsel, of ESI that originally belonged to the defendant.

13. Nothing in this Order prevents defense counsel from distributing any of the protected materials in this Order, including ESI disclosure material, to or with a co-defendant's counsel pursuant to a joint defense agreement, if the co-defendant's counsel has signed this Order.

Return or Destruction of Material

14. Except for disclosure material that has been made part of the record of this case, the defense shall return to the Government or securely destroy or delete all disclosure material, including the seized ESI disclosure material, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for

direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; or the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case, whichever date is later, subject to defense counsel's obligation to retain client files under the Rules of Professional Conduct. This provision does not apply to any disclosure material or ESI that belongs to the defendant.

15. The defense shall provide a copy of this Order to prospective witnesses and persons retained by counsel to whom the defense has disclosed disclosure material or the Government's ESI production. All such persons shall be subject to the terms of this Order. Defense counsel shall maintain a record of what information has been disclosed to which such persons.

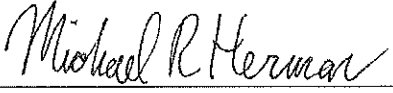
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Retention of Jurisdiction


16. The provisions of this order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney
Southern District of New York

by: 
Michael R. Herman
Assistant United States Attorney


Date: 10/14/2022


Eric Siegle, Esq.
Counsel for Teo Boon Ching

Date: 10/14/2022

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
October 26, 2022



THE HONORABLE PAUL A. CROTTY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE